



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, good mental health is a key component in a child's overall healthy development; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

**WHEREAS**, early identification of mental health disorders, appropriate treatment and access to timely services and supports that are family-driven, youth-guided and culturally appropriate benefit children and youth with mental health challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the integration of behavioral health in primary care, education, and child welfare can help to provide children and adolescents with better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the re-launch of HelpYourKeiki.com, a collaboration between parents and the State of Hawai'i Evidence Based Services Committee, will provide families with valuable information about evidence-based treatments and local resources in Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Mental Health Awareness Planning Group, made up of community organizations and led by the Hawai'i Department of Health's Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division, are dedicated to serving children and families, providing leadership on raising awareness of this important health care need;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2020 as

## **"CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in encouraging families and communities to learn about the warning signs of mental health disorders, eliminate stigmas, celebrate the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns, and promote positive mental health for our keiki and youth.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of April 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i